



# Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents and Principals

**FROM:** Office of Learning Technologies

**DATE:** December 3, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Call for Participation in Speak Up 2009

Since 2003, over 1.5 million K-12 education stakeholders have participated in the annual Speak Up National Research Project which collects and reports on the authentic, unfiltered views and opinions of students, parents and educators on critical 21<sup>st</sup> century education issues.

Project Tomorrow, the national education nonprofit organization that facilitates Speak Up, invites all K-12 Indiana schools to participate in Speak Up 2009



### About Speak Up 2009

- Online surveys will be open for input from **October 19<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Surveys will be available this year for the following audiences: **K-12 students (grade appropriate surveys), Parents, Teachers, Principals and District Administrators, and Pre-service Teachers enrolled in post-secondary degree programs (new this year!)**
- **Speak Up is open to all K-12 schools, districts and schools of education.** There is no fee to participate, or limit on the number of respondents. All information is 100% confidential. The surveys take less than 20 minutes to complete.
- Participating institutions receive a **free online report** aggregating all local data with national data to use for comparative benchmarking. Reports available in early February 2010.
- **Survey question topics include:** Learning and teaching with technology, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, science and math instruction, career exploration, emerging technologies (such as Web 2.0, mobile devices, online learning and digital content), professional development, school-to-home communications, and investment recommendations for 21<sup>st</sup> century schools.

- **Use Speak Up data to:** inform plans for ARRA funding, engage your community in new initiatives, advocate for national and state policies & funding, learn about your students' ideas.
- All of Indiana's public and private schools (based on NCES database) have been registered to participate.

If you decide to participate, you may access the surveys at:

<http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2009>.

- Select Student, Teachers & Administrators or Parent option.
- Select State and type in your school name
- Once you have selected your school, you will be asked to enter the *Secret Word* – su4indiana

For more information about the online survey please contact David Ryan ([dryan@doe.in.gov](mailto:dryan@doe.in.gov)) or visit <http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/index.html>